

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

31000 U.S. PTO
09/910760
07/24/01

In re the Application of

Inventors: S. KIKUYAMA, et al. Prior Art Unit: 1745

Prior Examiner: J. Mercado

Application No.: Divi. Appn. of
Serial No. 09/234,294,
filed January 21, 1999

Filed: July 24, 2001

For: HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY FOR BATTERY, METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME

CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign
application filed in the following foreign country and priority
provided in the 35 USC §119 have been claimed for the above-
identified application:

JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10-036977
FILED February 19, 1998

JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10-073809
FILED March 23, 1998

JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10-073824
FILED March 23, 1998

JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10-073825
FILED March 23, 1998

JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10-073826
FILED March 23, 1998

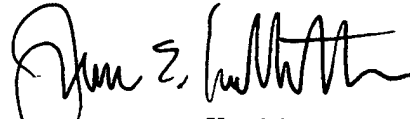
CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY - S. KIKUYAMA, t al.
July 24, 2001
Page 2

JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10-332399
FILED November 24, 1998

Certified copies of these priority documents were filed on
February 11, 1999 in parent application serial no. 09/234,294
filed January 21, 1999, and acknowledged by the Patent Office on
the Official Filing Receipt of the parent application.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked
to indicate that the requirements of 35 USC §119 have been
fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly
acknowledge receipt of these papers.

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Ledbetter
Registration No. 28,732

Date: July 24, 2001

JEL/ejw

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. JEL 30675A

STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P.
1615 L Street, NW, Suite 850
P.O. Box 34387
Washington, DC 20043-4387
Telephone: (202) 785-0100
Facsimile: (202) 408-5200